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Applicant: A.J.M. Garwood Attorney Docket No.: GARW15949
Application No.: 09/724,287 Group Art Unit: 1761
Filed: November 28, 2000 Examiner: --
Title: PRODUCTS, METHODS, AND APPARATUS FOR FRESH MEAT
PROCESSING AND PACKAGING

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Seattle, Washington 98101

July 16, 2001

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- X 1. An Information Disclosure Statement along with the references.
X 2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	87	-	265	=	0	x	18	= 0
Independent Claims	13	-	105	=	0	x	80	= 0
TOTAL								\$0

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a

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request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-265.

Please add the following new claims.

266. (New) A method for producing a goods stream having a desired concentration of a suitable measurable variable, comprising steps for:

feeding a first stream of goods to a first device capable of measuring a suitable variable;

feeding a second stream of goods to a second device capable of measuring a suitable variable;

joining the first and second streams after measuring the variable of each stream to form a third stream; and

feeding the third stream to a blending device to form a fourth stream having a substantially uniform cross-sectional composition.

267. (New) The method of Claim 266, wherein the streams are provided in substantially enclosed conduits that minimize contact with oxygen.

268. (New) The method of Claim 266, further comprising a step for measuring the resulting measurable variable of the fourth stream.

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